

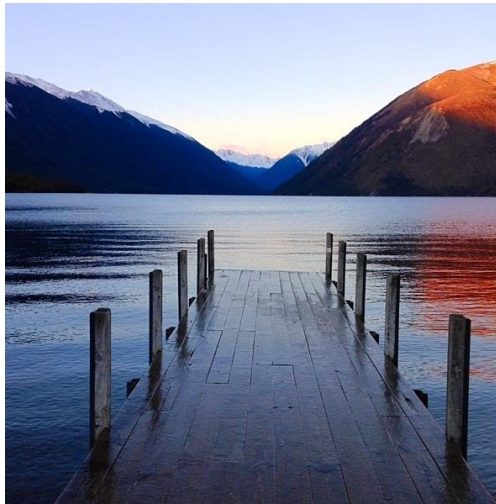
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School News

We have returned from School Camp!

We spent the week of the 6th – 10th March staying at Living Springs Camp, in Christchurch, overlooking Governor's Bay. The setting really was idyllic (our group sitting room had a balcony with the most amazing view!), the food was plentiful and delicious and the instructors were enthusiastic and engaging.

The children took part in a diverse range of activities; boulder-wall climbing; archery and air rifles; swimming to name a few, along with a number of team activities. We also took a day away from Living Springs to take part in Zoo School at Orana Park (learning about a range of native and exotic endangered species and what is being done to conserve them) and to visit the New Zealand Air Force Museum.

A huge thanks must go to our amazing parent helpers and to KEA whose fundraising for the children made the camp possible.

Last week we welcomed Playhouse Theatre to school to perform for the children. The play was based on a number of fairy tales – all changed to suit a modern audience and with references to suit all ages! As always, it's great when our children get to see real-life actors performing in a fairly small space and taking on multiple roles.

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Coming up

Saturday 8 April, 2017
9.00 am – 11.00am

Lake Rotoiti Chapel
Community Firewood at
the Nichols family farm
Contact Alistair 521 1110
or Russell 521 1826

Sunday 9 April, 2017

City 2 Saxton Fun
Run/Walk

Sunday 23 April, 2017

Rural Women –
Community walk to
Lakehead Hut (3 hours).
Walkers start from
9.00am, at Kerr Bay.
BYO Lunch.
Contact Tracey
021 475 514 or Julie
027 238 5597 (so as to
gauge interest)

**Monday, Wednesday and
Friday @ 10.00am**

"Circuit Breakers" training
at Community Hall.
Everyone welcome no
matter your fitness. Gold
coin for hall donation box.
Phone Gael 027 280 4078
for more info

Tues & Thurs 7.00pm

Seido Karate at
Community Hall,
Beginners welcome. Phone
Graeme 521 1022

Wednesdays @ 7.00pm

Ultimate Frisbee,
Basketball and Volleyball
at Community Hall

Sundays @ 10.30am

Rotoiti Chapel – Sunday
Service. Everyone
welcome.



Juniors on the Boulder Wall at Living Springs



Preparing to have a go milking a cow.....

Finally, we welcome Wendy Bolitho to our team – Wendy is our new and very experienced piano teacher. Already, after less than a month, she has had to add an extra afternoon to fit in all her students!

We are really pleased that we are able to offer piano lessons through school (and at a very reasonable rate) – if your child is interested in having an individual lesson with Wendy, please contact Giles, who will pass on your details to Wendy.

Giles, Emma, Nicky, Stephanie, Tracy and Fran

FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSE

Russell Chilton will be running a one-day refresher course on **Monday 8th May** at the school. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Giles or Tracy at school for details, costs etc.

Please note: this course is to keep an existing First Aid Certificate current; new First Aiders need to undertake a 2-day training course.



Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

The hall committee thanks Barbara Smissen for her years of excellent management of our community asset, as she steps down from the role and retires from the committee.

The new managers / cleaners of the hall are Fran and Graeme Andrews. Thanks, Graeme and Fran, for stepping up so willingly.

There is a new contact number for making hall bookings call 022 487 7168

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall Charges (GST inclusive):

- Main Hall and/or Meeting Room including the serving of a light supper, morning/ afternoon tea : \$25 an hour
- Kitchen for breakfast, lunch or dinner : \$50 per meal time
- Heating : an additional \$50 per day, \$25 half day or less
- Sound System : \$100
- Weddings : 2 and 1/2 days hire and the wedding breakfast \$600
 - heating an additional \$100
 - a further setup day an additional \$100
 - any further meals an additional \$50 per meal time

Local hire discount 30% off total amount of the hire.



Choosing and using rodent poison wisely

It's that time of year when mice and rats are more problematic in and around our homes and sheds. We've fielded a number of queries recently about the best and safest poisons to use and have compiled some information for residents that we hope will be helpful if you decide to use rodent poison on your property.

In New Zealand there are a number of readily-available poisons to assist in controlling rats and mice. Most of these poisons are anticoagulants. Some of these poisons can cause secondary poisoning of native birds like morepork, weka and kea, and domestic animals like cats, dogs and chickens. Secondary poisoning is where a predator is poisoned by eating a carcass of an animal that has been poisoned. Some poisons can also build up in the environment as they take a long time to break down. This is called bioaccumulation.

Anticoagulants can be divided into two categories - first generation anticoagulants and second generation anticoagulants.

First-generation anticoagulants are most effective with multiple doses, have a lower risk of secondary poisoning and a lower risk of bioaccumulation. The best practice for using first generation anticoagulants is to use a bait station and keep it stocked with the poison continuously for five days. Rodents need to eat the poison for an extended time for it to be effective. First-generation anticoagulants include coumatetralyl, pindone, warfarin and diphacinone.

Second-generation anticoagulants often only require a single dose for the rodent to die. There is a much higher rate of secondary poisoning and a higher rate of bioaccumulation. Second generation anticoagulants include bromadiolone, brodifcoum, flocoumafen, difethialone. If the label states that only a single dose is needed then the poison is likely to be a second-generation anticoagulant.

Cholecalciferol is a rat poison that is not an anticoagulant. It is vitamin D3 and is toxic in high doses. It is also used for controlling possums. Although it is toxic to domestic pets, there is a lower risk of secondary poisoning than second generation anticoagulants.

CITY 2 SAXTON

10km Fun Run/Walk

SUNDAY 9 APRIL

Register now for CITY 2 SAXTON

<http://www.sporttasman.org.nz/city2saxton> - lots of fun to be had! A 10 Km event with a difference, Run it, Roll it or Stroll it!

Break out and challenge yourself to Sport Tasman's run, walk, stroll to prove that you are able to master 10 km.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Finish line at Saxtons Field on Sunday 9 April 2017.

All details on the Sport Tasman website.

For sale:

Poultry-raising equipment

1 Brinsea Mini II Eco egg incubator (takes 9 hens eggs) \$100

1 Brinsea Ecoglow 20 brooder (adjustable top-heat pad, for keeping new chicks warm) \$75 or both for \$150

Both items used 3 times very successfully, both still nice and clean in original boxes with instructions.

Phone Sandra 5211118 or 0272042329



Lake Rotoiti Powerboat Club, Inc.

Notice is given the Department of Conservation has granted the Powerboat Club a concession to hold its annual powerboat regatta at Kerr Bay, Lake Rotoiti over the weekend of **1 - 2 April 2017** between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm.

Julian Stilwell, Secretary

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- Articles: plain text submitted in MS Word format, or in the body of an email.
- Photos: JPG files up to 5MB, attached to an email (not embedded in text).

Contacting us: email

rotoitinews@gmail.com with any questions

For Sale

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